

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 4.

The silver question must have more than the proverbial nine lives accredited to cats, for it has been given out at least a dozen times within the past week that it was dead, and it is still alive—very much alive, not only in the Senate, where Democratic Senators have tied with Republican Senators in sitting up with the alleged corpse, but also in the House, where it is now said that as many as eighty members have bound themselves to filibuster against any and all business, except tariff bills, until the Committee on Rules shall report another rule giving the Free-Coinage Bill another date for consideration.

It is believed that the agitation in the Senate is intended more to compel Senators to put themselves on record than to pass Senator Stewart's Free-Coinage Bill, and that the debate on Senator Morgan's resolution, which opened to-day, will accomplish that purpose. Friends of the Administration say that in deference to the wishes of President Harrison four or five Republican Senators who favor free coinage have promised to vote against consideration of the Free-Coinage Bill at this time by the Senate. That is just where the trouble comes in. The free coinage of silver is not being considered in Congress upon its merits, as it should be, but is considered by both Republicans and Democrats solely with regard to its effect upon the Presidential campaign and the individual fortunes of the several candidates in both parties, and if the politicians have their way Congress will adjourn without taking any definite action upon the question, thus giving them another chance to pursue their favorite sport—straddling public questions.

At a conference of the Farmers' Alliance members of the House and a score of other members in sympathy with them, it was decided to make a determined effort to push through the House a bill which has been prepared by Representative Livingston of Georgia authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue legal-tender non-interest bearing notes up to \$30 per capita upon the demand of any State, through its Governor, the said State to deposit its bonds for the amount so demanded, said bonds to run twenty years and bear interest at the rate of one per cent. It is claimed that already more than fifty members of the House have pledged themselves to support this bill.

The proposition to detail army officers as Indian agents is bitterly opposed in the Senate, the opposition being led by Senator Dawes, who is the representative of the Indian association which has taken such a prominent part in all the Indian legislation of recent years. The idea has also strong supporters, and the chances favor its retention in the Indian Appropriation Bill, just as it was passed by the House, when the Senate votes upon it.

Representative Watson of Georgia made a hit in a speech ridiculing the stereotyped tariff speeches of both Democrats and Republicans. The Republicans, he said, declared themselves in favor of protection as a principle and (in order to escape it) reciprocity as a practice. The Democrats, according to Mr. Watson, say that free trade as a government principle is thoroughly right, but they decline to accept it as a rule of action. He scored the internal-revenue laws and brought down the House when he said that at St. Augustine, Florida, it cost the Government \$1,800 last year to collect 15 cents, and at Annapolis, Md., and Cherry Stone, Va., respectively, \$952 and \$1,950 to collect nothing. If anybody has profited by the tariff debate, which will end this week for a time, short though that time may be, it is not apparent. The passage of the Free-wool Bill by the House has been certain from the first, and its defeat by the Senate is equally certain.

There is considerable growing in the House because the investigation ordered to be made of the Census Bureau has been intrusted to the Census Committee instead of to a special committee, as provided for in the original resolution. It is claimed that the members of the Census Committee are in a sense interested persons, inasmuch as they are under obligations for favors granted—the appointment of their friends to positions in the Census Bureau.

The quarrel between Assistant Secretary Nettleton, of the Treasury, and his subordinate, Superintendent of Immigration Owen, has reached the proportions of a mammoth scandal, and there are reasons for expecting that both of them may shortly be asked for their resignations. In the meantime the House and Senate Committees on Immigration are continuing the joint investigation which first brought the row before the public.

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Base-Ball Notes.

The Star Athletic Club of Bloomfield defeated the Montclair Blues last Saturday at Glen Ridge; score 8 to 2.

The Bloomfield Base-Ball Club received their uniforms on Tuesday from A. G. Spaulding & Brothers of New York.

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The regular business meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Union was held on Monday evening. No business of importance was transacted.

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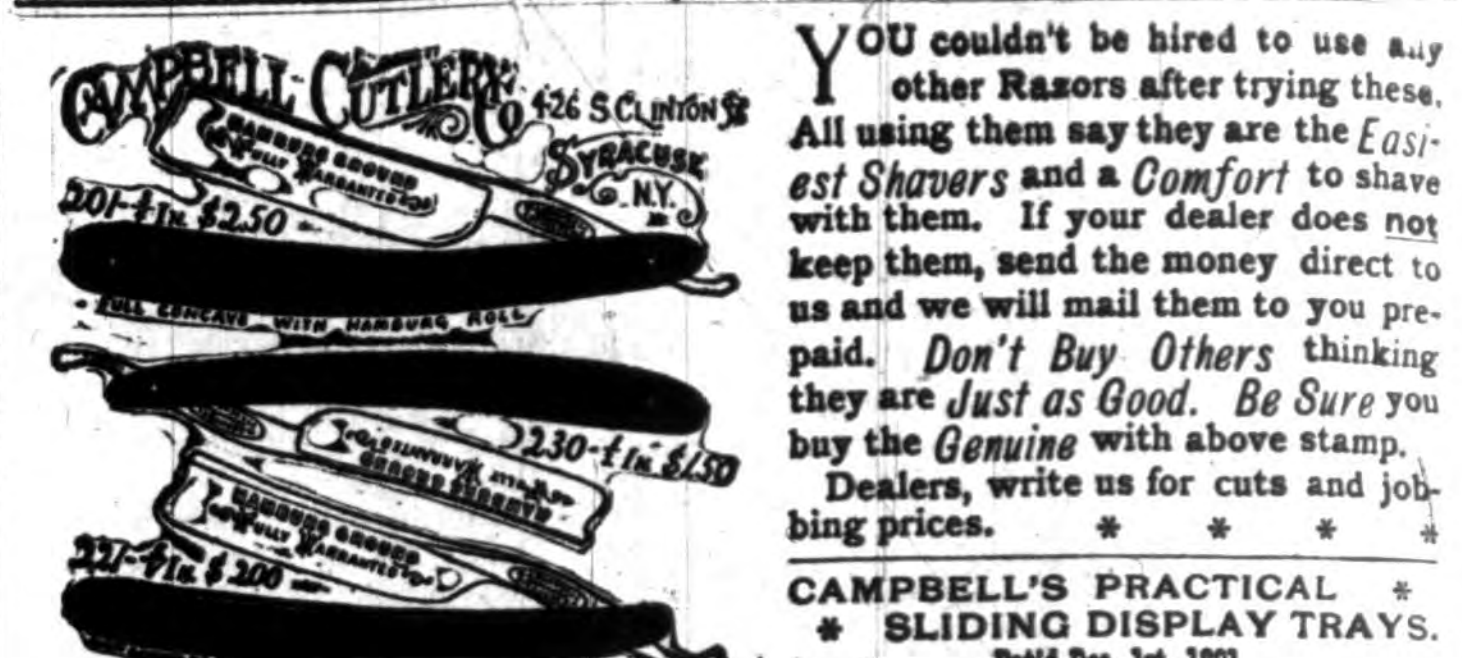
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